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1. USE OF STARLIFTERS TO FLY SUPPLIES INTO ZAIRE. THE US  
AIR FORCE IS FLYING US SUPPLIES INTO ZAIRE IN C-141 AIRCRAFT

2. ALLEGED PRESSURE ON GULF OIL CORPORATION TO SUSPEND  
OPERATIONS IN CABINDA. THE DEPARTMENT REMINDED GULF OF THE  
APPEALS IT HAD MADE FOR ALL AMERICANS TO LEAVE ANGOLA AND  
URGED THE COMPANY TO COMPLY IN THE INTEREST OF EMPLOYEE  
SAFETY, GIVEN THE CIVIL WAR SITUATION AND THE ABSENCE OF AN  
OFFICIAL AMERICAN PRESENCE TO PROTECT US INTERESTS. WE  
ALSO ADVISED GULF THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR THE COMPANY  
TO MAKE ROYALTY AND TAX PAYMENTS TO ONE FACTION IN A CIVIL  
WAR SITUATION, SUGGESTING THAT IT SHOULD WAIT UNTIL AN  
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ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT WAS DULY CONSTITUTED.

3. REPORTS OF CUBANS GUARDING GULF INSTALLATIONS. CUBAN TROOPS ARE STATIONED IN CABINDA, BUT WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORT THAT 1,000 CUBANS WERE GUARDING GULF INSTALLATIONS UNTIL THE SUSPENSION.

4. STATUS OF TEXACO. TEXACO SUSPENDED DRILLING OPERATIONS OFF ANGOLA'S COAST BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. THE US GOVERNMENT WAS NOT CONSULTED. TEXACO STILL RETAINS ITS EXPLORATION RIGHTS AND PLANS TO RESUME OPERATIONS AT A LATER DATE.

5. STATUS OF DIAMANG. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, DIAMANG IS COOPERATING WITH THE MPLA GOVERNMENT. US PARTICIPATION IN DIAMANG IS VERY SMALL. THE USG HAS NOT APPROACHED THE COMPANY ABOUT ITS ROYALTY PAYMENTS.

6. A) RECRUITING OF AMERICANS FOR SERVICE IN ANGOLA. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED THE FBI TO INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER AND WORK HAS BEGUN. TO DATE, NO EVIDENCE HAS TURNED UP OF ANY AMERICANS SERVING IN ANGOLA.

B) AP STORY OF DECEMBER 16 ON 400 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SOVIET ARMS TO TEN BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ANGOLA. THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US INDICATES THAT THE USSR PROVIDED ANGOLA WITH 200 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF MILITARY SUPPORT IN 1975 ALONE. AGREEMENTS AND DELIVERIES TO NINE OTHER BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES DURING 1974 AND 1975 ARE ESTIMATED AT 200 MILLION DOLLARS.

7. ALLEGED ATTEMPTS BY THE US TO INDUCE OTHER NATIONS TO SUPPLY ARMS TO THE FNLA AND UNITA. ANY AID WHICH OTHER NATIONS MAY BE PROVIDING TO THE FNLA/UNITA FORCES IS ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE FOR THEIR OWN POLICY REASONS.

8. AID FUNDS FOR "HUMAN RIGHTS" PROJECTS. WE ASSUME CODEL IS REFERRING TO HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. AID HAS BUDGETED US DOLS. 3 MILLION IN FY 1977 FOR ANGOLA FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

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9. DEPARTMENT'S DENIAL OF CONSULTATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. WE CAN DENY THE CHARGE BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD NO CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SAG ON ANGOLA. THE FACT THAT WE HAVE AN EMBASSY AND A DEFENSE ATTACHE IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MATTER. WE HAVE SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED ANY CONSULTATION WITH THE SAG, SINCE IT IS CLEARLY ONE AIM OF THE SAG TO USE THE PRESENT CONFLICT TO OBTAIN INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. WE SEE NO NEED TO BRING BACK OUR AMBASSADOR AND

DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR INDEFINITE CONSULTATIONS.

10. WIRELESS FILE OF JANUARY 6 CONCERNING PRESIDENT FORD'S BLOCKING OF A REPORT BY THE US INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE. THIS REFERS TO THE PIKE COMMITTEE AND AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES ON CLEARANCE OF DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC.

11. BASIS UPON WHICH "FS MATERIAL IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION." SOME OF THE MATERIAL IS UNCONFIRMED, HENCE THE CAUTIONARY NOTE.

12. USE BY SOUTH AFRICAN OF C-141 AIRCRAFT TO FLY SUPPLIES INTO ANGOLA. THIS ALLEGATION IN NEWSWEEK IS NOT TRUE.

13. A) SEMI-ANNUAL ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS ON THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE LAST MEETING WAS HELD IN NOVEMBER 1975. AS IS ALWAYS THE CASE, THERE WAS NO AGENDA AND NO DECISIONS WERE TAKEN. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETINGS IS TO COMPARE NOTES ON THE SITUATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

B) STATUS OF EXPANSION OF DIEGO GARCIA AFTER SENATE SUSPENSION. THE USG IS GOING AHEAD WITH PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PLANS THROUGH THE USE OF PRIOR YEAR FUNDS.

14. SENATOR WEICKER'S STATEMENT THAT USG SUPPLIES TO FNLA WERE UNDERINVOICED TO KEEP US COSTS ARTIFICIALLY LOW. NOT TRUE. KISSINGER

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